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SUBJ: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SENATOR
WILLESEE, TO JAKARTA MARCH 12-16

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1. FOLLOWING DESPATCH OF REFTEL MAR 5, LAVETT (ASST SEC, SOUTH EAST ASIA BRANCH, DFA) CALLED EMBOFF TO NOTE THAT AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILLESEE WOULD BE VISITING JAKARTA MAR 12-16. VISIT HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME IN CONTEXT OF SEMINAR ON AUSTRALIA TO BE HELD IN JAKARTA, BUT GOI SUGGESTED CANCELLATION IN WAKE OF TANAKA RIOTS JAN 15-16. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIAN GOVT SAW VALUE IN WILLESEE'S VISITING JAKARTA ON WAY BACK FROM EUROPE, BOTH TO REVIEW SOME BILATERAL PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS TO GAIN IMPRESSIONS USEFUL IN PREPARATIONS FOR WHITLAM VISIT (REFTEL). THIS WILL BE WILLESEE'S FIRST VISIT TO INDONESIA AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. LAVETT SAID THAT WILLESEE WILL SEE LONG LIST OF INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SUHARTO, SULTAN OF JOGJA, ADAM MALIK, GEN. PANGGABEAN, AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE SENOADJI. LAVETT SAID THAT PURPOSE OF CALL ON SENOADJI WAS TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES IN INDONESIA, A MATTER WHICH IS OF SOME CONCERN WITHIN LABOR PARTY. FOLLOWING TANAKA RIOTS IN JANUARY, CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE CAIRNS AND MINISTER FOR HEALTH

EVERINGHAM (BOTH REGARDED AS LEFTISTS IN AUSTRALIAN CABINET)
HAD WANTED GOA TO COMPLAIN ABOUT INDO GOVERNMENT'S STRICT SECURITY
MEASURES. DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOR ITS PART, DOES NOT
WISH TO CHANGE GENERALLY FRIENDLY LINE OF AUSTRALIAN POLICY
TOWARDS INDONESIA, AS CHANGE COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER,
WILLESEE WILL WANT TO REGISTER AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN
OVER ISSUE OF DETAINEES, AS THIS INEVITABLY AFFECTS AUSTRALIAN
ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDONESIA.

3. LAVETT SAID THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE
AT END OF WILLESEE VISIT.
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